

Harpswell Conservation Commission
Minutes for Workshop Meeting, December 2, 2008, 3:00 PM,
Municipal Office Building, 263 Mountain Road, Harpswell, Maine 04079

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Anne Perry (secretary), Don Jones, Tony Barrett, Ann Nemrow Burr Taylor.

Absent: Deirdre Strachan

Also present: Carol Tukey (Town Planner), Marcel Polak (MEACC consultant)

Minutes of the November 17 meeting were approved as corrected (changes to Hildreth Rd statement and Workforce Housing discussion). The Hildreth Rd. property was discussed at a recent Selectmen's meeting. Corrected minutes will be sent to Linda after they are distributed to HCC members for final approval/

1. Open Space Plan. Outreach in preparation for the March 2009 Town Meeting. Carol and Judy Colby-George prepared a list of all land-owners in the Focus Areas.

a. Focus Area land-owners A "talking points" sheet will be prepared for meeting with these land-owners. Discussion of whether to "knock on doors" or call neighborhood meetings. Marcel noted that we cannot by law meet with more than one HCC member without public meeting notice.

Other printed material. A Q&A sheet (draft prepared by Maryann with input from Marcel) with FAQ could go in Town Report. Burr: owners need to know what the plan is asking of them. List reasons for opposition to the plan (eg. lost taxes, property rights, too much OS already) There will be no Harpswell Bulletin before Town Meeting.

b. HTV. Prepare and execute a "call-in show" on open space. Prepare an informal informational show in "Fireside Chat" format. An abbreviated DVD could be prepared.

c. Town Website. Marcel's comments: Take old Critical Areas Map off the site; Keep the Executive Summary separate from the plan; Burr will work on a website survey.

d. News articles. Anchor will do a questionnaire type article for the March issue.

e. Individuals. As FB Environmental has not been active in the plan since last year, have completed all other items and submitted all maps as requested, IT WAS MOVED BY TONY, SECONDED BY ANN, AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND TO THE SELECTMEN THAT FB ENVIRONMENTAL BE RELEASED FROM THE LAST ARTICLE OF THE CONTRACT WHICH CALLS FOR GIVING A FINAL PRESENTATION TO THE SELECTMEN..

Other individuals who could be asked for support at Town Meeting: Charlie Johnson, Sam Alexander (senior)

f. Harpswell Business Association. They will put us on their agenda for their February meeting. There are 90 business members.

g. Secret ballot vs open discussion at Town Meeting. Most favored the latter. Prepared statements by HCC with and overview are necessary, with back-up from public

2. Goals for 2009. Don recommended that we set some goals, eg, complete OSP; educate ourselves on vernal pools; develop conservation fund. Carol suggested a Community Development Block Grant tie-in for an aerial survey.

Adjourned 5:00 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Anne Perry, Secretary.

Next meeting: Regular meeting Tuesday, December 9, **2:30 PM** Marcel's presentation on funding **3:00 PM** joint meeting with CPIC and Build-out presentation.